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OUTLINES.

Graveyard investigations at Knoxville, Tenn., disclose that of 231 graves opened, 225 have been found to contain empty coffins. —— The school boy who was shot by a teacher in the academy at Spartanburg, S. C., last Monday, died yesterday. —— Gov. Taft cables President Roosevelt urging passage of the House tariff bill for the Philippines; general business, he says, is stagnant and conditions are growing worse. —— Edwin L. Burdick, a prominent citizen of Buffalo, N. Y., was murdered in his home in that city Thursday night by some one unknown. —— The syndicate formed to float the first consolidated mortgage bonds of the A. C. L. has been dissolved. —— The Democrats in the House yesterday continued their fight against the action of the Republicans in unseating Representative Butler, of Missouri. —— The complete destruction of Port de Paix, Hayti, by fire, is reported. —— The eruption of the volcano at Colima, Mexico, continues. —— A serious overflow of the Mississippi at Memphis is threatened. —— One life was lost and six persons were severely injured in a fire at Lowell, Massachusetts. —— General Gordon is reported to be very much better. —— The police in New York city raided a women's pool room. —— A protocol for settlement of the French claims against Venezuela has been signed. —— A gale of great violence caused damage in England. —— New York markets: Money on call was firmer at 3@4 per cent; cotton steady at 10.25c; flour steadier and active; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 81½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 60c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 43½c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine dull at 65½@69½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 27.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 59 degrees; 8 P. M., 67 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees; mean, 59 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .24; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.39 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—For North Carolina—Rain Saturday; brisk to high south winds; Sunday fair; colder.

Port Almanac—February 28.

Sun Rises	6.36 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.52 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 13 M.
High Water at Southport	8.39 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	11.09P. M.

The first mid ocean newspaper ever published was issued on the Etruria on her last trip across from New York. The dispatches came by the Marconi wireless system.

Hon. Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, is quoted as saying that it is "evolution" and not "legislation" that the negro needs. He seems to have changed his mind. But a good many of them are doing that.

An Indiana astronomer says he has discovered green things in the sun and thinks it may be inhabited. As the heat up there is estimated at about 10,000 degrees, the inhabitants must have a pretty warm time.

Confucius advised his folks to "use men as you do wood." But a good many men wouldn't let you do it, wouldn't let you saw them up, plane them down, drive nails in them and all that kind of thing.

Notwithstanding the provision in the final settlement between China and the allies after the Boxer racket, that China should import no more arms, it is said there is a lively trade in arms now going on, the arms principally coming from Belgium, but also from the United States, Germany and Great Britain.

Mrs. Coulter, the only woman member of the Utah Legislature, has introduced a bill prohibiting "treating" in that State. The women applauded this, but when they discovered that it applied to ice cream, lemonade, soda water, etc., as well as liquors and cigars, they contended she was running the coulter too deep.

About the highest priced tooth on record is in a temple in Siam. It is a sacred tooth, from the jaw of a sacred monkey, and is kept in a gold box inside of a half dozen other boxes. The Portugese once had a racket with Siam, gobbled that tooth and it cost Siam $3,500,000 to get it back. The monkey which furnished the tooth is dead.

A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*, writing from High Point, in this State, says there are fifty-one manufacturing establishments in that town, most of them furniture manufactories, which turned out last year $2,500,000 worth of furniture. Twenty years ago it was an insignificant railroad station, with no factory of any kind and but a few hundred inhabitants, who took life easy.

REVENUE ACT PASSED

Adopted on Third Reading in the House of Representatives Yesterday.

NOW GOES TO THE SENATE.

No Amendment Except Reducing the Tax on Oil Dealers—Liquor License on Retailers Stands Double—Merchants Will Pay on Sales.

The Revenue bill passed third reading in the House yesterday and will now go to the Senate for enactment into law. A large number of amendments were offered but all except one were voted down. The exception was one by Doughton, reducing the tax on oil dealers from $300 to $100.

By the terms of the bill as finally passed the tax on retail liquor dealers is reduced from $150 every six months to $100, this making the total State and county revenue from that source $400 a year instead of $600, as recommended by the committee. That was done upon the suggestion of Mr. Gattis. The tax as it now stands until the new law goes into effect is only $300 all told to State and county.

The income tax questions are the same as at present with the exception of those asking the person listing his income from State and United States bonds.

The tax on undertakers as finally fixed is $25 for towns of over 15,000 people, $15 for towns between 10,000 and 15,000, and $5 for towns under 5,000. Undertakers who manufacture their own caskets are exempt.

Section 58 of the bill placing a tax of $50 on each oil tank of 500 gallons capacity and $5 on each oil delivery wagon as recommended by the committee, instead of $30 upon each oil tank as now, was amended Wednesday to $300 on each dealer and 50 cents on every $100 sales, but last night that tax was reduced to $100 on each dealer as stated above.

The license tax on merchants, after a number of amendments were voted down, is as follows:

On sales not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, forty cents on each thousand dollars.

On sales over fifty thousand dollars and less than seventy-five thousand dollars, thirty cents on each thousand dollars.

On sales over seventy-five thousand dollars and less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, twenty-five cents on each thousand dollars.

On sales over one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, twenty cents on each thousand dollars.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The steamer *Sanders* arrived yesterday afternoon from Little River, S. C.

— The government stump puller *H. G. Wright* is on the ways at Skinner's for slight repairs.

— There is no snow to speak of in North Carolina now, but slaying is going on just the same.

— Sunday night at the First Baptist church, 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Blackwell's theme will be "Woman."

— The revenue cutter *Tuscarora* arrived yesterday afternoon from a cruise along the coast. It is expected that in a few weeks she will proceed to her regular station and another ship sent here by the Department.

— Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the architect, is distributing a neat little advertising novelty in the shape of a cut glass ink stand and aluminum pen tray. It is costly and is one of the prettiest of its kind seen this season.

— The New York society people who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones at "Airlie" have gone to Palm Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will return to New York early next week to prepare for their tour abroad.

— Master Ray C. Kelly, the little son of Mr. and Mrs C. M. Kelly, 815 Dock street, celebrated his ninth birthday from 4 to 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There were present a number of his little friends, and they were all most delightfully entertained.

— To-day is the last in which Wilmington has the option to bring Mme. Nordica and the great Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra here for May 2nd. Why should Wilmington not have this big attraction, when the individual cost is so small?

Real Estate Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday B. F. Hall, trustee, et al., transferred to Nathan A. Schloss for $1,850 and other considerations, the building and lot, 66x66 feet in size, on west side of Second, between Orange and Ann streets, and Misses Sallie and Willie T. Ennett transferred to W. M. Cumming and wife for $745, residence and lot on north side of Chesnut, between Ninth and Tenth street, 40 feet west of Tenth street and 50x75 feet in size.

Basket Ball At The Y. M. C. A.

Interest in basket ball is increasing very rapidly as shown by the large crowd that gathered in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night. The game was between the Blues and Reds. The Reds were greatly enthused because of the game won last week and they went into the game to win but failed. The game was close and exciting from start to finish. The score was 23 to 19 in favor of the Blues.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. E. Worth & Co.—Listen.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Ice cream.
J. W. Murchison & Co.—Hardware.

THE HOTEL ROBBERY.

Negro Who Entered Rock Springs Bound Over to the Higher Court Yesterday.

THE CHARGE IS BURGLARY.

Cleverly Devised Scheme to Rob Another Man Probably Frustated by Mr. Vincent, the Real Victim—Testimony Received by Mayor.

The Rock Springs Hotel robbery was investigated in the municipal court yesterday and the mulatto, Allen Jones, arrested in connection therewith, was sent to jail in default of $100 bond for his appearance in the Superior Court to answer the charge of burglary.

The evidence secured at the preliminary trial was rather conclusive and Jones' unsavory reputation in the community will probably ensure for him a good long term in the penitentiary.

Mr. Vincent, the guest who was robbed, was the principal witness at the trial and testified that after daylight yesterday morning he found the pocket book stolen from his trousers in a pile of crossties along the route which he pursued the mulatto when he was alarmed during the night. Policeman C. E. Wood also made a search of the path covered by Jones and near Water and Chesnut streets he found $2.64 in change, scattered on the ground. One of the coins—an old two-cent piece—was recognized by Mr. Vincent as one he had carried a long time. The pocket book was also most positively identified as a present to Mr. Vincent last Christmas.

At the Superior Court it is said that evidence will be introduced that the negro Jones was seen during the afternoon previous to the burglary peeping into the office of Mr. Wallace Alderman, who was paying a large sum of money for timber to a gentleman from the country, who subsequently went to the Rock Springs Hotel and was assigned to a room next to that of Mr. Vincent's. It is thought the negro was after that money and went into Mr. Vincent's room by mistake.

It was proven at the trial yesterday that about 10 o'clock on the night of the robbery Mr. Vincent and two other guests, came into the office of the hotel and saw a strange man sitting before the heater with his face buried in his hands as if drunk or asleep. Jones is so nearly white that his presence excited no suspicion and the proprietor of the house testified that if Jones was there it was without his knowledge or consent, as he "neither boarded nor lodged mulattoes or negroes." The guests, who saw the man in the office, tried to arouse him, but without effect.

It is presumed that he was there to watch the gentleman to whom over a hundred dollars had been paid, and when all had retired for the night he arose and went up stairs to ransack his pockets.

Mr. Vincent testified that the negro came down out of the hotel after he had discovered the robbery and reached the sidewalk, calling "police."

A NATIVE TENNESSEEAN.

Word of Personal Commendation of Ex-Governor Bob Taylor, the Humorist.

In commending to the public the lecture of Governor Bob Taylor in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium next Tuesday evening, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, this city, writes in a personal letter to the STAR, the following which is published below by permission:

"As a native of Tennessee, I am glad to know that Ex-Governor Robt. L. Taylor, to-day her favorite son, is to come to Wilmington and lecture next week. It is also gratifying that the Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to welcome him. Wilmington will give him a hearty hearing by a large audience I feel sure. Cordially yours,

"A. D. MCCLURE."

Court House Clock Overhauled.

Mr. G. C. Simmons has just completed a thorough overhauling of the big clock in the Court House tower and in a few days he will have the time piece so regulated that it will be keeping perfect time. The clock has not been overhauled and cleaned in a long time and a large quantity of dirt and dust was taken from the mechanism, which has now been enclosed in a neat case, which the keeper has handsomely varnished. All the machinery of the clock has been polished and parts of it enamelled and revarnished. Mr. Simmons will give the County Commissioners a look at the improvement when the Board meets Monday.

Ten Cent Cotton Again.

Farmers who have been fortunate enough to hold a part of their cotton crop until now, are in "great shape." The price has steadily advanced during the past ten days until now the best grades will bring ten cents per pound. The receipts at Wilmington each day are well in advance of those of last year and the high prices appear to have found many growers with still a part of their crop on hand. The local quotations yesterday were 9¼ cents for middling but New York spot was firm at 10.25.

— The first radishes of the season were shipped from Currie, N. C., yesterday. They were billed to Philadelphia.

THE CITY CHARTER.

Bill Passed Senate Last Night Definitely Fixing the Date of Election.

OTHER LOCAL MEASURES.

Chief of Police Elective by the People. May Sell the Old Court House—To Move Robeson's County Seat Wilmington Harbor Master.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—There was a two hours session of the Senate to-night during which the following notable bills were passed:

To appropriate $900,000 for pensions to Confederate soldiers with amendment so as to apply also to deserters who returned to the service.

To appoint members of county boards of education by the Legislature.

To amend the charter of the Carolina and Northern Railroad Co.

To establish a dispensary in Kinston.

To amend the charter of Wilmington as to municipal elections.

The bill to amend the charter of Wilmington passed as it came from the House. It fixes the city election on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, the present officers to hold over to that time. It provides that the Chief of Police be elected by the people.

The bill to authorize the sale of a portion of the old court house property to Odd Fellows was ratified.

A bill passed the House regulating fishing and to protect clams in New Hanover.

The bill to move the county seat of Robeson from Lumberton to Pembroke was reported favorably and made the special order for next Thursday.

Bellamy's bill to allow either race to levy a special tax for school purposes was tabled.

Some Eastern Carolina bills passed were:

To allow clerks of Bladen and Richmond courts to absent themselves from office on certain days.

Altogether about one hundred bills were passed.

The House passed a great number of local measures mostly on roll call.

Bills of note were: To incorporate the Roanoke Island Celebration Co.; to incorporate the Bank of Raeford, Cumberland county; to compel attendance upon schools in Washington; to protect and promote the fish industry in inland waters; creating a Code Commission; to protect the harbor master of the port of Wilmington.

Ex-Governor Doughton introduced the bill known as the Machinery Act as prepared by the Joint Finance Committee. Five hundred copies were ordered printed.

Phillips introduced a bill to protect oysters, clams and terrapins in Brunswick county.

GOVERNOR BOB TAYLOR'S COMING.

Chamber of Commerce Will Honor Him. His Inimitable, Spontaneous Humor.

The box sheet opens this morning at DeRosset's book store for the lecture of Governor Bob Taylor at the Y.M.C.A. auditorium Tuesday evening and every indication points to a magnificent sale. Aside from the merits of the lecture, the visit of Governor Taylor to Wilmington will be an event of importance socially and commercially. He is a man of prominence in the country and Wilmington people will receive him in a manner befitting his station.

Yesterday a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held and upon motion President Chadbourn appointed Mr. Marcus W. Jacobi, chairman of the public entertainment committee, to select two other members of his committee and call upon Governor Taylor and take him for a carriage drive about the city. It is also quite likely that the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. will give a trolley ride over its system in honor of the distinguished visitor.

Speaking of Governor Taylor's lecture, the Nashville *Banner* says: "While dallying in the garden of Paradise, and speaking of universal love there, he sang for the she-money: 'My Love is a Precious Baboon.' He carries the hearer through the diapason of human emotion."

For a Game Preserve.

By a lease filed for record yesterday at the Court House by Gerritt Walker and wife to Pembroke Jones, the last named for a consideration of $100 cash and $100 each year for five years secures the exclusive right to enter upon 800 acres of woods land of the first named in Harnett township for the purpose of hunting and shooting all kinds of game which may be thereon, or which may be put thereon by Mr. Jones. The lease is with the privilege of extending the time five years longer should the lessee desire the same. It is understood that Mr. Jones will stock the lands with all kinds of game, making it one of the finest preserves in the South.

Women Waged Fierce Fight.

In Justice Fowler's court yesterday Annie Herring, colored, was bound over to the Superior Court under a $25 bond, for a fierce attack with a deadly weapon upon Mary Howard, colored, who lives on Seventh, near Nixon street. The Howard woman, in throwing her arms up to ward off the blows being inflicted by her adversary, had a splinter about the size of a lead pencil run through her hands. She went to the hospital for repairs.

— The tug *Navassa* is laid up for slight repairs to her rudder.

IMPERIAL MAY COME.

The Giant Tobacco Organization Wants to Lease Prize House and Stemmery Here.

WILMINGTON WAREHOUSE CO.

Contract for Buildings Will Be Awarded Monday—Orangeburg, S. C., Belt Visited by Mr. Dodd—Other Notes of Local Market.

Mr. Geo. S. Pritchard, of Goldsboro, representing the Imperial Tobacco Company, was in the city yesterday and made a proposition to the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company to lease its prize house and stemmery as soon as they are completed in the northeast section of the city. The Imperial is one of the world powers in the tobacco market and that the company should desire to get control of the prize house and stemmery here is construed to mean that Wilmington has very bright prospects. Mr. Pritchard's proposition was received by Vice President Geo. O. Gaylord, of the Wilmington company, in the absence of President Worth and the same will be laid before the Directors at their next regular meeting.

Mr. Pritchard, in conversation with prominent members and officials here, spoke in high terms of the advantages enjoyed by Wilmington as a tobacco centre; especially in the matter of transportation. He thinks the local market will be a formidable competitor for all North Carolina tobacco towns the very first year and that the possibilities of building up a great tobacco trade here are extremely patent.

The Wilmington Company is leaving no stone unturned to bring every pound of yellow leaf here that is possible. The contracts for the construction of all the buildings will be let Monday and each of them will be modern in every respect.

Mr. James Dodd, who has been upon an active canvass of this section for two months, has seen 800 farmers who have agreed to plant 4,000 acres of tobacco and to market it in Wilmington, so long as the inducements held out are the same as by other towns. Yesterday afternoon he left for Orangeburg, S. C., in a tobacco growing belt, which ships much of its better grades to Wilson, Rocky Mount and other inland towns. Mr. Dodd will present the claims of Wilmington to growers in that section and he hopes to divert much of the trade to this city.

PILOTAGE FORCES RETURNED.

Opponents of the Bill Rejoicing—Another Hearing on Monday Morning.

The New Hanover forces, which have been in Raleigh for several days for and against the pending bill in the Legislature to amend and revise the pilotage laws at Wilmington, returned yesterday morning. In the party were Messrs. M. S. Willard, J. A. Arringdale and R. A. Parsley, representing the Chamber of Commerce which favored the bill, and Capt. S. F. Craig, Capt. E. G. Parmele, Mr. George Harriss and J. O. Carr, Esq., representing the pilots, who desire no change in present laws.

The pilots and their friends were naturally elated at the success of their efforts to defeat the measure, while the advocates of the bill frankly admitted that they had been out-generalled by not having representatives on the ground earlier.

The fight, however, is not just yet ended. Senator Morton's bill reducing the yearly license rate from 25 cents to 12½ cents per ton on vessels and imposing a heavy penalty upon tug boat owners who attempt to raise rates in a discrimination against vessels applying for license will come up before the Judiciary Committee of the House Monday, a postponement from to-day having been made yesterday. Neither side to the controversy is pleased with the bill, but the pilots and their friends will be on hand to fight any objectionable amendments that may be tacked on. It is not known yet who will go up to look after the bill, but the pilots will be represented mainly by their counsel, Rountree & Carr and Locke Craig, Esq.

HERE AFTER A MURDERER.

Sheriff Lyon, of Bladen County, Came Yesterday for Van Williams, Colored.

Sheriff C. W. Lyon, of Bladen county, was here yesterday and took with him in the afternoon to Elizabethtown the negro Van Williams, who has been in jail here for several months awaiting trial for murder. Bladen Superior Court meets next week, Judge Chas. M. Cooke, Jr., presiding, and Sheriff Lyon decided to have the negro there upon the opening. He was arrested down in Georgia, and confined here on account of the jail at Elizabethtown being unsafe.

The crime with which the negro is charged is the killing of Ed. Andrews, Jr., another negro, at a "festibule" in Bladen about a year ago. It is said that the murder was deliberate, and that Williams' record is very bad. A reward for his capture was offered by the Governor.

Mr. Bellamy is Here.

Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, member of Congress from the Sixth District, arrived yesterday morning from Washington and will spend a day or two at home on business. Monday he goes to Raleigh to argue some cases in the Supreme Court and will probably return from there to Washington.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Large Number of Local Measures in the Senate and House Passed Yesterday.

THE CODE COMMISSION BILL.

New Southport Railroad Chartered—Regulating Sale of Liquor by Prescription—Fire Insurance Law—High Hats in Theatres.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—A great number of local and many general bills were passed to-day in both the House and Senate. The Code Commission bill was amended in the Senate to include the names of the commissioners chosen in the Democratic caucus last night and the bill was passed, the commissioners being T. B. Womack, N. Y. Gulley and W. B. Rodman. The bill was sent to the House for concurrence.

A joint resolution that the Senate and House proceed to the election of trustees of the University at noon to-morrow was passed.

A bill regarding fire waste, providing a great number of regulations as to the care of buildings insured, elicited a lengthy discussion and was tabled.

The Senate passed the following notable bills that had previously passed the House: To incorporate the Currituck Railroad Co.; to amend the charter of the Stone Mountain Railroad Co.; to enable the Norfolk and Western Railroad Co. to extend its lines in North Carolina; to incorporate Trinity College.

The following bills were passed and sent to the House: To incorporate the Virginia and Carolina Railroad Co; to allow Guilford Battleground Co. to dedicate ground to the United States government, upon which to erect monuments; to allow coroners, who are physicians, to hold post mortem examinations; to amend the charter of the Asheville and Crook Mountain Railroad Co.; to amend the charter of Southport; to convert the $200,000 fund from swamp lands in the hands of the State Board of Education into a permanent fund for aiding in erecting and improving school houses by loaning the money to counties and districts; to regulate the appointment of directors of State institutions so more than one director may be chosen from one county and that superintendents be in no way connected with the board.

Baldwin's bill to prevent high hats in theatres was tabled.

Among the bills introduced was one by McNeill to make it a misdemeanor for physicians to prescribe whiskey on Sunday, except in good faith; by White, to regulate fire insurance and increase public revenue (passed immediately); by Mann, to fix the place of meeting of Board of Dental Examiners; by Brown, to incorporate the Southport and Northeastern Railroad Co; by Pollock, of Lenoir, to establish improved roads from Kinston to Jacksonville, Onslow county.

The bill for a general school law was made the special order for Monday at noon.

Among the bills introduced in the House were:

Phillips, to protect citizens of Brunswick.

King, to give justices of the peace power to sentence convicts to public roads.

Daughton, to amend the law relating to primary elections.

White, of Jones, to prohibit public drunkenness.

The bill for a new oyster law passed its readings. It provides $900 salary for oyster commissioner and $700 for his assistant and prescribes regulations which are expected to stop the carrying of small oysters to other coasts for replanting, a practice which has greatly hampered the industry in this State.

Graham's resolution for an investigation of the cost of enlarging the capitol in accordance with original plans, was passed with a clause making the $400 appropriation for an architect eliminated.

"HELLO BILL" THIS AFTERNOON.

Funny Farce Comedy Comes for Matinee and Night—"Uncle Hez."

This afternoon at special matinee and tonight the Academy will offer that exceeding clever comedy, "Hello Bill," which has been awarded much praise by the press and public. The admission at the afternoon performance will be 25 and 50 cents. This modern and refined comedy has toured the entire Eastern country, and has been everywhere pronounced as one, if not the very funniest farcical comedy concoction the American stage has yet seen. For its present tour a company of more than ordinary strength has been secured. Seats for the night performance are now on sale at Plummer's.

A Trick Comedy.—The presentation of "Uncle Hez" at the Academy Monday night will no doubt be attended by a large audience, as the play is a very clever one; and then, too, the price of reserved seats, which are now obtainable at Plummer's, has been reduced to 75 cents.

Monday, about noon, the company's superb brass band will give a parade and concert. The parade should be looked for, as something new and novel is promised. Besides the band the company carries a large and excellent orchestra.

GEN. JNO. B. GORDON'S CONDITION.

Member of His Staff in Wilmington Received Assuring Telegram Yesterday.

Col. W. J. Woodward, of General Jno. B. Gordon's staff, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock received the following telegram from General A. J. West, of Atlanta:

"General Gordon much better; not serious. Will be up to-morrow."

The news of General Gordon's sudden illness was printed in the Associated Press telegrams of the STAR yesterday and was the cause of much uneasiness among Gen. Gordon's friends here, until the receipt of the telegram by Col. Woodward in the afternoon.

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J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
feb 26 tf C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

THE FRANCIS WILLARD MEMORIAL.

Very Creditable Exercises in Lecture Room of First Baptist Church Last Night.

The Francis Willard Memorial in the lecture room of the First Baptist church last night was well attended, considering the threatening weather. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion and a programme of music, recitation and prayer was observed.

The exercises opened with scripture reading by Mrs. Margaret Walker. Mrs. W. P. Oldham, president of the W. C. T. U. of Wilmington, then paid a beautiful tribute to the life and work of Miss Willard and the great cause which she espoused. The singing of a hymn and prayer by Rev. C. B. Paul, pastor of Southside Baptist church, preceded a very interesting sketch of Miss Willard's life by Mrs. Thompson.

Two dramatic readings on temperance by Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell were much enjoyed and he was followed by Mr. R. M. Wescott in a short talk against the liquor traffic.

Mrs. Joseph Loughlin touchingly rendered a solo, "Throw Out the Life Line," with accompaniment by Miss Fannie Corbett.

After benediction by Rev. J. W. Potter, pastor of Market Street M. E. church, those present enjoyed a social session which was delightful for its informality and unison. Messrs. Jno. G. Marshall and R. E. Blake, by invitation, were present and assisted the ladies in making a success of the affair. Miss Sibyl Hancock and Miss Emmie Winstead are due great credit for the elaborate decorations.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TO-DAY.

Meeting in Cape Fear Academy Building This Morning at 10 O'clock.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover Teachers' Association will be held this morning at 10 o'clock in the Cape Fear Academy building on Third street. The programme is one of the most interesting of those yet arranged and the exercises will likely be attended by a large number of teachers. All friends of education will be welcomed at the meeting and teachers in the city schools are especially invited.

The three leading features of the programme will be "Personal Experiences at the Bombardment of Fort Fisher, by Rev. J. A. Smith; "The Bible in the School," by Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, and "The Best Method of Teaching Literature," by Miss Pattie D. Thorne. There will, of course, be the usual informal discussion of various educational matters.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. W. S. Robinson, of Delta, Sampson county, is in the city on one of his usual business visits.

— Messrs. W. C. Justice and Frank A. Johnson, representing the "Sweet Clover" Company, which will appear at the Academy next Friday, arrived yesterday and are making arrangements for the coming of their big attraction.

— Mr. James Dodd, representing the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Co., left yesterday for Orangeburg, S. C. A large amount of tobacco is shipped from that section to Wilson and other points but Mr. Dodd hopes to bring much of it to Wilmington this season.

Anti-Saloon League.

The meeting of the Anti-Saloon League appointed to be held in the Y. M. C. A. last night was postponed until a future date, due notice of which will be given.

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SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 28.

THE FRENCH FALLING INTO LINE.

We have referred several times to the efforts being made by England, Germany and Russia to raise cotton in their own possessions to make them independent of the cotton fields of this country. They are making more or less progress in this and feel confident of ultimate success. Some cotton has been received in England from one of the English colonies in South Africa, which is pronounced of good quality, and it is said that in a few years more they will be raising it in commercial quantities. A few bales have been received in Bremen from the German colony in Southwestern Africa, said to be as good as American middling. The soil of both of these sections is all right for cotton and so is the climate. The only obstacles in either is the lack of labor, as the natives do not like steady work, and are slow to catch on. The Russians are not troubled for lack of labor. Their people are willing to learn, and all that needs to be done is to teach them the methods. The Russians have, therefore, made considerable progress, and all the indications point to a large development of this industry.

The French were the last to fall into line, but they, too, seem to be doing it in earnest. How earnestly they are moving is shown by the following circular issued by an association formed for the purpose of promoting cotton cultivation in the French possessions in Africa, an association which admits no one but Frenchmen to membership. We reproduce this because it gives some information on this movement abroad which will be interesting to cotton growers and othess engaged in the cotton industries. It says:

In view of the ever-increasing tendency on the part of the United States to monopolize everything, with the undisguised motive of becoming master of the old world, by the power of production and the strength of capital, it is only natural that the following question should be asked in Europe: Do the Americans hope, one of these days, to corner their entire production of cotton for the exclusive benefit of their cotton industries, or, without profiting entirely by the situation, will they not impose duties on the exportation of the raw material?

The world's cotton crop is estimated to be 14,000,000 bales, of 500 pounds each. Of this amount, the United States produces the enormous quantity of 10,500,000 bales, or more than three-fourths. On account of this condition of affairs the Americans pretend, as a number of articles in the newspapers will bear testimony, that being the holders of the raw material, they should transform it into the finished product to supply the entire world. It appears that they have deliberately set out to do this, when one realizes the prodigious development which has taken place in their cotton industries. In support of this statement, we can cite the project of the construction of a monster cotton mill in the environs of St. Louis, which will have not less than 12,000 looms and 500,000 shuttles. The output of this plant alone would equal one-tenth of the total production of France. New establishments are being constantly erected alongside of the cotton fields, under particularly favorable conditions, to such an extent that the Northern cotton spinners have already commenced to feel the competition of their Southern competitors.

Owing to the wonderful strides of the American cotton industry, the consumption of the raw staple in the United States, which, in 1892-93, was 2,422,000 bales, has increased to 3,908,000 bales in 1901 02, an augmentation of 61 per cent. in ten years.

It is to be feared that the Americans some day or other hope to utilize their entire production of cotton in their own cotton industries. They would necessarily be compelled to find foreign outlets for the sale of the finished products, as, nothwithstanding the great increase in their population, the local demands for consumption would not keep pace with the increase in the output.

Besides, ought we not put a stop to the speculative operations of the Americans, which, during the cotton season, disturb our markets and render transactions exceedingly difficult?

Russia was the first to recognize this condition of affairs. For fifteen years that nation has encouraged the cultivation of cotton in Turkestan, and that she has succeeded will be shown by the following statistics: In 1888 89 the cotton crop was 76,000 bales of 500 pounds each, while the estimated production for 1902 03 will be 504,000 bales.

England, for several years, has sought to develop the production of cotton in Egypt, where not only the area under cultivation has been increased, but the average production per unit of surface has been considerably raised. From 1889 to 1898 the Egyptian cotton crop has risen from 300,000,000 of Egyptian pounds to 600,000,000—or, in other words, has doubled in ten years.

In India efforts were also made to increase the cotton production and to improve the quality of the staple, but, not meeting with unqualified success, England is seeking other centers of production. For this purpose the English cotton spinners and merchants have formed an association, with a capital of $241,250, which has already commended its labors in Lagos.

The Germans have also formed a society, with a capital of $178,500, to encourage the development of the culture of cotton in their African colonies, and their first efforts have been made toward the Togo.

Is it not time, then, for France to follow in the footsteps of England and Germany? She has all the more reason to do so, for she not only possesses territory which borders on that of Germany and England, but she owns other regions which are admirably adapted to the cultivation of cotton—like the Soudan.

What progress this Association may make remains to be seen, but they are evidently in earnest, and believe that the cotton growing industry can be made a success in the French territory in Africa. But this circular shows another thing and that is the growing jealously if not enmity against this country whose manufacturing and commercial strides have aroused their fears, not only for the cotton manufacturing industry, but for the industries generally. To check American aggressivenes international combination has been suggested, but if that were practicable in some things, it would not be practicable in cotton growing. In that each one must work for itself and each one seems to be doing it.

There is no particular reason yet why American cotton growers should become alarmed at the growth of the cotton producing industry in other countries, but one thing is certain and that is that the supremacy of the Southern cotton grower is to be contested unless the reports we have from those countries be very much overdrawn.

But by that time the probabilities are that the consumption of cotton by our mills will be so large it will practically take the crops produced, leaving the question of competition more with the manufacturers than with the cotton growers. In the mean time the cotton planter should turn his attention to diversified farming so that he may not suffer so much when the day of competition comes, in the event the hopes of these foreign cotton-growers be realized.

"CARRYING THE JOKE TOO FAR."

Larchmont, on Long Island Sound, is a place where a number of wealthy men of New York city have their Summer homes. Most of these men are Republicans. The town is incorporated. They have parties there as in other towns and the offices seem to be worth striving for. But this year a new element has injected itself into the situation in the person of one Thomas Harris, a negro and a Republican, who has announced himself a candidate for the office of receiver of taxes, a fat job on account of the number of fine houses owned by the rich New Yorkers. There are several white candidates, but Harris is a man of some means and has been hustling to secure delegates to the Republican convention.

He started by giving a big layout, a champagne supper, which we are told the rich New York men did not attend, but their sons did, and sampled his edibles and his liquids. Harris has been hustling ever since and with so much success that he has scared up these rich New York Republicans, who want to defeat him for the nomination or in the election if nominated. One of them is quoted as saying, "It would be a fine thing to have my wife go down to the negro's office to pay taxes. I want a white tax receiver, or else I will move away from Larchmont. I think they are carrying this joke too far, and now Harris thinks he should be elected." Harris, who doesn't see any joke in it, undoubtedly thinks he should be elected, that he has as good a right to that office as any of the white folks, and he is going to do his level best to be elected. They may buy him off, but they are not bluffing him. He celebrated Washington's birthday electioneering, and at the close thus discoursed to an Associated Press reporter:

"They can't prevent my nomination unless they dig up the dead ones in the cemetery. I don't need the votes of the rich people. The boys that are with me are good enough for me. As for my personal ability, they all know me around here. I am as straight as a die. There is nothing shady about me Larchmont is a swell place and I like all the people around here, and because I have lived here for a score of years I think I am entitled to hold a political office."

These rich New York Republicans do not subscribe to President Roosevelt's "door of opportunity" declaration, at least, as far as Larchmont is concerned, for they don't propose to open the tax receiver's door to this negro aspirant if they can prevent it. The color line doesn't stop at the dividing line between the South and the North. It runs away up there.

Pedro Alvarado, the wealthiest mine operator of Mexico, has an uncommon bump of patriotism on his knot. Not many years ago he was a mine laborer working for fifty cents a day. Prospecting he struck a silver vein, the richest in that country, which has made him a multi-millionaire. He and his family now live in princely style, but he is also patriotic and generous. His latest exhibition of that was an offer of a donation of $50,000,000 towards the payment of the public debt of Mexico, which offer for some reason was declined by the Minister of Finance, but now he has renewed it to President Juarez in a different form so as to avoid the objection. He says he has made his wealth out of the ground and feels that the Government is entitled to some of it.

Mrs. McCormick, of Owensboro, Ky., is the latest victim of too much juxta position of the celuloid comb and fire. She had that kind of a comb in her hair, held her head too near the fire, and now she has only a little hair and no comb. It disappeared in the combustion.

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QUAY ON NEW ENGLAND.

In a speech in the Senate a few days ago Senator Quay made a swipe at the New England States, from which it may be inferred that he is no ardent admirer of that particular section Addressing the Senators from the South, he is thus reported: "The whole history of New England, like the New England character, is permeated with hatred towards the South. They care nothing for you, they never have cared for you." Speaking of their representatives in Congress he said "They were determined to put a force bill on you. When they tried that you came to Pennsylvania and were saved."

As a statement of fact that is about the truth, but as there are exceptions to most rules so is there in this, for while Senator Quay helped to kill the force bill, James G. Blaine, of Maine, did as effective if not more effective work against it than he did.

He was doubtless thus addressing the Southern Senators to win their support to his statehood bill, but he spoke the truth all the same, for New England's history from the time the anti-slavery agitation began until the emancipation of the slaves was one of persistent aggression, if not of hatred. The people had become so thoroughly imbued with the teaching that there was nothing good in the South that they were always already to approve and support any and every drastic measure aimed at the South, and this continued for some years after the war. They were the most active supporters of the reconstruction measures, and wherever they were seen as travelers, sojourners or settlers in the South for some years after the war, they were, with rare exceptions, intermeddlers, often incendiaries, posing as the friends, advisers and defenders of the negroes, inciting them to discontent and aggressiveness and widening the chasm between them and the white people of the South, with whom they had to live, and upon whom they were dependent for the labor to earn their bread. This intermeddling was inspired even more by antipathy to the white men of the South than by friendship for the negro, whom they soon lost interest in when they had no further use for him. But the intermeddling, while it injured the white man, injured the negro more.

Perhaps if New England's foresight had been as good as her hindsight there would have been less, if any, of that kind of intermeddling for she is already (and she realizes it) beginning to pay the penalty in the loss of industries in which she was once supreme, and in which the South is becoming her competitor.

Has General William Booth, of the Salvation Army, started out to bulldoze rich people? He said in addressing a big meeting in Tremont Temple in Boston, a few evenings ago, that the Salvation Army was caring for 13,000 criminals, and if the rich didn't help the Army take care of them the Army would turn loose these 13,000 criminals and gave them the addresses of the rich. That is not the right kind of addresses for Gen. Booth to be making. Decidedly too much of the anarchic oratory in it.

There are one hundred and twenty gold mining companies in the Transvaal, in South Africa. The valuation of these properties is $1,100,000,000. Previous to the Boer war English capitalists held only 50 per cent. of the stock, but now they own 81 per cent. Some of the stockholders of France and Germany who were in doubt about the outcome of the war sold out to the Englishmen. These companies have agreed to pay $150,000,000 to defray expenses of the war.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— Bishop Walters was frank enough to declare that the negroes asked for office because they contribute to party success. And that's why Roosevelt is giving it to them. —*Richmond News Leader, Dem.*

— The Senate has arranged that Mrs. Dominis is to have her $200,000 personally, and that it is not to filter through the hands of an agent. This will be sure to disappoint some of those who have been working so zealously for the poor, wronged woman. —*Washington Post, Ind.*

— The reason why 86,000 American farmers have settled in Manitoba within the past five years is not because there is a plot on foot to Americanize Canada, as some wiseacres suggest, but because they find there one of the most productive and finest grain fields of the world, and Canada offers very liberal terms to settlers on her farm lands. —*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

— Radium, the recently discovered mineral salt, is valued at $1,000,000 a pound, but only two pounds of it are known to be in the world. Experiments with it are said to show that one gram of radium would blow the whole British navy to the top of Ben Nevis, and two pounds of it would be sufficiently powerful to throw the earth off its orbit. It would be interesting to know just what would be the result if, when Senator Tillman or Kaiser Hohenzollern is in full oratorical action, somebody should biff him with a chunk of radium. —*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS

— One of the best things ever said of George Washington was that he "never slopped over."—*Providence Journal.*

— The four seasons are seldom on good terms with each other. There is a decided coolness between Autumn and Spring.—*Puck.*

— "Shall I brain him?" cried a hazer, and the victim's courage fell. 'You can't; it is a freshman. Just hit him on the head."—*Sphinx.*

— You must not forget that there are millions of people whose interests are at stake." "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "and millions of dollars, too."—*Washington Star.*

— Bookseller—I have something exceedingly rare in the way of books. Blinks—Thanks. When it comes to a book, I prefer one that is well done.—*Harper's Bazar.*

— Harry, the Hobo—Gee-whizz! How did yer git a quarter out o' dat dude? Cosmopolitan Casey—'Sh! I used de English accent and asked him for tup-pence-ha' penny.—*Puck.*

— "Hello, Lathers! What's the matter?" "Been shaving myself." "What did you cut that notch in your chin for? "To remind me not to do it again."—*Indianapolis News.*

— Rev. Prolix—I flatter myself that I gave my congregation a rousing sermon this morning. Rev. Briefman—Well, as I manage to keep mine awake, I never have to resort to that. —*Boston Courier.*

— "I wonder," said the Gilmor Street resident, "who originated the expression, "Where there's smoke there must be fire." "I dunno," said the East Ender, "but I'll bet he made the remark before my furnace was invented."—*Baltimore News.*

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— High Point *Enterprise*: One of the delegates to the State Council Jr. Order last week in speaking of Spencer, his town, said that out of the large population there, not a negro resided inside the corporate limits.

— Danbury *Reporter*: The two white swans which were kept a Vade Mecum Springs disappeared last week. We learn that some parties saw them flying down Dan river several miles below Danbury last week.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. J. R. Ball has just returned from Northampton county, where he purchased the crop of cotton of Hon. Matt W. Ransom, who is the largest cotton planter in North Carolina. The amount of the check paid by Mr. Ball to ex-Senator Ransom was $76,356.60. Mr. Ball says that ex-Senator Ransom sold the seed from his cotton crop for $24,000.

— Mount Airy *News*: The price of wood went up in a great rush again last week, all sorts of prices being charged for one and two horse loads. Wood has cost a great deal more this winter than heretofore, but the roads have had much to do with the price. —— The farmers in the mountain section have not sold all their produce, and as soon as the roads improve so they can travel they will roll in in great droves. The winter months are out Saturday and better weather may be expected in three weeks

— Salisbury *Sun*: George Quinn, Cash Roseman and Rich Hunter were arrested Wednesday afternoon at Sugar Springs, charged with having committed an assault upon a negro who they alleged had been giving information to the officers regarding negro criminals. The victim of the assault was compelled to take refuge in a house and information was sent to Salisbury of the affair. Officers went out and arrested the three men named. They were later tried before Esquire D. M. Miller and bound over to court in $100 bonds. All the men are employes of the Southern railway and succeeded in giving bond.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: The A. and M. College exhibit in Sherwood Higgs' window is a very handsome and unique exhibit, including specimens of the handiwork of the A. and M. students in all departments. The textile work is especially beautiful. The samples of cloth are woven by the students and could not be duplicated in any mill in North Carolina; also designs on paper beautifully colored, which are made by each student before putting the thread in the loom. The specimens of iron and steel work are very handsome and interesting.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Revenue Officer J. Wiley Shook, who is known from Murphy to Manteo, went to Elkin to-day to look after two horses seized from blockaders. Mr. Shook said that the animals were of the common variety, and that he had been notified that the government was losing on them daily; that they would not bring enough to pay for their feed if kept until the day of the sale. "What will you do with them?" the reporter asked. "Sell or kill them," replied the officer. "You know that the government allows us to cut up blockade stills and I guess it would not object to us killing poor horses." In reply to a question if officers were destroying many still now-a-days, J. Wiley said: "We are finding a few. A few years ago when we seized teams we never failed to get good stock—a quality that would pay the expense of feeding. It is different now. When a blockader starts out with a load of the stuff he drives the poorest animals that he can find, knowing that if they are seized the loss to the owner will be very small."

Judge Story's Money.

In 1826 Josiah Quincy, then a young man but recently graduated from Harvard, was invited by Judge Story, a member of the supreme bench, to accompany him to Washington. In "Figures of the Past" Mr. Quincy gives an incident of the journey from Boston to Washington which was made by stage-coach:

The first night of our journey was spent at Ashford, in Connecticut, where we arrived late in the evening, and here the bother of wildcat currency, as it was afterward called, was forced upon our attention.

The bills of local banks would not circulate beyond the town in which they were issued, and when Judge Story, who had neglected to provide himself with United States notes, offered the landlord a Salem bill in payment for his supper the man stared at it as if it had been the wampum of the Indians or the shell money of the south sea islanders.

"This is not good," said the host, "and I think you must know it."

"I know it is good," retorted the judge testily. "And I'll tell you how I know it. I made it myself!"

This reply, of which the landlord could make nothing, unless it were the confession of a forger, did not mend matters, and it was fortunate that I had provided myself with some national notes, which ended the difficulty. The explanation was that Judge Story as president of a Salem bank had signed the bill.

A Yellow Dog Versus a Book Agent.

We used to have a yellow dog at home that always recognized book agents and tramps at sight. It made no difference how well or how poorly an agent was dressed, that dog knew him and stopped him. If he was dressed like a preacher and insisted on coming in, he didn't look like a preacher when he went away.

One sultry summer day an extra swell book agent descended upon us. He was tall and slender—made more so by his silk hat—was straight as an arrow and walked with the light, springy step of a trotting horse. He wore a neat cutaway coat, a white vest, newly pressed trousers and patent leather shoes on which the sunbeams skipped like spring lambs. He seemed to be fortune's chief favorite. As he approached the gate his sky was serene. No cloud appeared anywhere. But alas for what was just over the horizon! Under the evergreen tree, where two or three hens lay scratching in the dust, was stretched the yellow cur, taking his midday nap. The instant that agent hand touched the latch his sky was black. The air was soon chaotic with swinging arms and legs, coattails, plug hat and cries of "Murder!"

The corn in that immediate neighborhood was never harvested.

As the dog lay down again to pick the shoddy out of his teeth a torn and tattered man limped away.—"Confessions of a Book Agent" in Leslie's Monthly.

The Modern Juvenile.

Mother—Why, Frankie, what are you reading in that book about bringing up children?

Frank—I'm just looking to see whether I'm being properly brought up.

Faint Heart Won.

Dora—How many times did you refuse Jack before you accepted him?

Ethel—Only once. He seemed so discouraged I was afraid to try it again. —New York Weekly.

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WILMINGTON MARKET

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STAR OFFICE, February 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 65c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.85 per barrel for strained and $1.90 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.40 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady at 42@41c; rosin firm at $1.15@1.20; tar steady at $1.20; crude turpentine firm at $1.35 @2.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	18
Rosin	974
Tar	183
Crude turpentine	30

Receipts same day last year—20 casks spirits turpentine, 63 barrels rosin, 235 barrels tar, 52 barrels crude turpentine.

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Market firm on a basis of 9¾c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	8⅝	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	9	" "
Low middling	9½	" "
Middling	9¾	" "
Good middling	10 3-16	" "

Same day last year, market steady at 8⅜c for middling.

Receipts—714 bales; same day last year, 299.

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EGGS—Dull at 12½c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@4c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Money on call firmer at 3@4 per cent., closing at 3@3½ per cent.; time money very firm: 60 days, 4½@5 per cent; 90 days, 4¾@5 per cent.; six months 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487.40@487.50 for demand and at 484.25 for sixty days. The posted rates were 485@485½ and 488½. Commercial bills 483½@484. Bar silver 48. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds steady. State bonds firm. Railroad bonds weak. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 107½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 107½; U. S. 3's, registered, 107; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new registered, 134½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109½; do. coupon, 109½; U.S. 5's, registered, 102½; do. coupon. 103½; Southern Railway, 5's, 117. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 96½. Chesapeake & Ohio 48¾; Manhattan L 140⅝; New York Central 146½; Reading 60½; do. 1st preferred 85½; do. 2nd preferred 81; St. Paul 174⅝; do. pref'd, 190; Southern Railway 34½; do. pref'd 94⅞; Amalgamated Copper 72; People's Gas 102⅞; Sugar 130⅜; Tennessee Coal and Iron 65⅜; U. S. Leather 13½; do. pref'd, 92; Western Union 89; U. S Steel 38⅜; do. pref'd 87⅜; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co, 63¾; do. preferred, 128. Standard Oil, 696@699½.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 27.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25½; do. preferred, 42⅞ asked; bonds, fours, 83⅜. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 132½; do. preferred, unchanged.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine dull at 65½@66½c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 27.—Spirits turpentine firm at 63c; sales —casks. Rosin firm; sales — casks; A, B, C D, E and F, $1 95; G, $2 05; H, $2 35; I, $2 80; K, $3 15; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W $4 20.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 27.—Spirits turpentine was quoted firm at 65c; receipts 8 casks; sales 78 casks; exports 89 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 1,134 barrels; sales 1,583 barrels; exports 1,274 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $2 00; F, $2 00; G, $2 10; H, $2 40; I, $2 85; K $3 20; M, $3 40; N, $3 60; W G, $3 85; W W, $4 25

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of four to six points, chiefly as a result of unloading by room longs and some little selling for the short account, based upon the disappointing cables which were due to come about four to five points higher in order to fully reflect our market of yesterday, reported a practically unchanged market at the time of the local opening. Following the call, however, there was a rally, the bull clique again supporting values. There was also a very general disinclination among conservative operators to go short while the movement continues to present unfavorable comparisons, and to-day's port receipts were again considerably below last year's. The weather South continues bad for the movement and it was noted that New Orleans was relatively steadier earlier than was the local market. The early rally carried prices up about four to five points on the active options and at this level profit-taking again became a factor, prices working steadily downward, a matter of some six to nine points below the closing figures yesterday. This reactionary tendency was encouraged by rather heavier estimates for to morrow's movement to leading points, but in the mid-afternoon gave way to another wave of bullishness as a result of the bullish weak-end figures and continued firmness of spot markets with the bull clique again supporting values. Under this buying prices crossed the high point of yesterday, notably on May and March which sold at 10.12 and 10 14 respectively, and the market finally was very steady, net two to eight points higher, the best of the session and season. Total sales futures estimated at 300,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Cotton steady at 10.25; net receipts 27 bales; gross receipts 1,853 bales; stock 126,777 bales

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 10.25c; middling gulf 10 50c; sales 1,930 bales.

Futures market opened easy and closed very steady. Closing prices: February 10.12, March 10.14, April 10 11, May 10.11, June 9.88, July 9.88, August 9 55, September 8.93, October 8.64, November 8.56, December 8.52.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 27,607 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,683 bales; exports to France 930 bales; exports to the Continent 2,857 bales; stock 850,284 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 143,307 bales; exports to Great Britain 70,808 bales; exports to France 1,190 bales; exports to the Continent 91,122 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6 570,640 bales. exports to Great Britain 2,105,377 bales exports to France 629,606 bales; exports to the Continent 2,256,215 bales

Feb. 27.—Galveston, strong at 10 1-16, net receipts 5,622 bales; Norfolk, steady at 10c, net receipts 1 693 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10½c, net receipts 806 bales; Boston, quiet at 10.25, net receipts 2,692 bales; Wilmington, firm, 9¾c, net receipts 714 bales. Philadelphia, steady at 10 05c. net receipts 50 bales; Savannah, firm at 9 13-16, net receipts 3 419 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9⅝c, net receipts 8,559 bales; Mobile, firm at 9 13-16c, net receipts 1,061 bales Memphis, firm at 9⅞, net receipts 480 bales; Augusta, firm at 9⅞c, net receipts 1,052 bales; Charleston, firm at 9½c, net receipts 572 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Flour was a little steadier and active with wheat. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 81¾c. Options closed at ½@⅜c net advance. Sales to-day included: March closed 84½c; May closed 81⅜c; July closed 78⅞c; September 77c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 60c. Options market closed ½@⅜c net higher. Sales to day: March closed 58c; May closed 53@53½; July closed 50 15 16c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2, 43½c. Options were higher with corn. Lard quiet; Western steam $10 05; refined easy. Pork firm. Tallow dull; city ($2 per package) 5⅝c; country 6@6½c. Rice firm. Butter firm; extra creamery 28c; State dairy 15@25c. Cheese firm; State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14½c; do. white, fall made 14½. Molasses firm. Peanuts easy; fancy hand-picked 4½ @4⅝c; other domestic 3@4½c. Cabbages quiet; domestic, per barrel, red $1 00@1 25; white 75c@$1 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Potatoes steady; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@4 00; Jerseys $1 75 @2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 80@2 00. Eggs steady; Pennsylvania average best 16½ Southern 15½. Sugar—Raw firm; refined irregular. Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No 7 invoice 5 11 16c; mild quiet. Cotton seed oil dull; Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@34½c; prime summer yellow 40@40½c; off summer yellow 39c; prime white 45c; prime winter yellow 45c; prime meal $27 50@28 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The corn pit was again the centre of attraction on the board of trade to-day, the strength in that market aiding other grains, and higher prices were realized. May wheat closing ⅛c higher; May corn up ⅞c and oats ⅛@¼c improved. Provisions closed firm with May produce from 2½c. lower to 15c. higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27—Cash prices: Flour was steady Wheat—No. 2 spring 78½@79½c; No. 3 spring 71@78c; No. 2 red 74⅝@75½c Corn—No. 2 44½c; No. 2 yellow 44½c. Oats—No 2 35⅜c. No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 34½@35½c. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted at $17 87½ @18 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $9 57½@9 60. Short rib sides, loose, $9 60@9 80. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 37½ @8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 87½ @10 00 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May 77½@77¾, 77⅞, 77¼, 77⅜c; July 73⅜, 74, 73¼ 73¾, 74c; February 75½c Corn—No. 2 February 44⅜ 44½, 44⅜, 44⅝c; May 46½@46⅝, 47¼, 46⅜@46½, 47¼c; July 44⅜@44⅝, 45, 44⅜@44⅝, 45c. Oats—No. 2, February 34½c; May 35⅜ @35¼, 35⅞ 35⅝, 35⅞c; July 32½@ @32⅝, 33, 32½@32⅝, 33c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $17 82½, 18 00, 17 82½, 18 00; July $17 35, 17 47½, 17 27½, 17 45; September $16 77½, 16 92½, 16 77½, 16 92½ Lard, per 100 lbs.—February $9 65, 9 65 9 65, 9 65; May $9 67½, 9 67½, 9 62½, 9 63½; July $9 57½, 9 57½, 9 52½, 9 55; September $9 57½, 9 57½, 9 52½, 9 55. Short r bs, per 100 lbs—May $9 82½, 9 87½, 9 80, 9 85; July $9 60, 9 65, 9 57½, 9 62½; September $9 50, 9 52½, 9 50, 9 52½

— Ascum—Were you one of her chafing-dish party? Al. Way Seaton —Huh! we were a chafing chafing dish party. The chafing dish didn't chafe as much as we did, and some of us are hungry yet.—*Philadelphia Press.*

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27.—Cotton: Spot moderate business; prices two points higher; American middling fair 5.96d; good middling 5.58d; middling 5.40d; low middling 5.28d; good ordinary 5.16d; ordinary 5.04d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,600 bales American. Receipts 5,000 bales, including 4,800 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet; American middling (g o c) February 5.25@5.26d; February and March 5.25@4.26d; March and April 5.25@5.26d; April and May 5.26@5.27d; May and June 5.28d; June and July 5.28d; July and August 5.27@5.28d; August and September 5.16d; September and October 4.85d; October and November 4.63d; November and December 5.57d.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

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W. & W. Railroad—159 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 10 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—316 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 20 barrels rosin, 28 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—79 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 105 barrels rosin, 19 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—159 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 10 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—1 bale cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 225 barrels rosin, 62 barrels tar.

Newsom's Raft—291 barrels rosin.

Royal's Raft—197 barrels rosin.

Underwood's Raft—120 barrels rosin.

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"SMILING CHARLIE"

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This was how he was described in the bills posted by the sheriff of Green county:

"Black hair and eyes; medium weight; slow spoken; speaks with a smile; soft voice; manners of a gentleman."

And for want of another name and because of the romance of it they called him "Smiling Charlie." He had held up three stages, balled up three or four cattlemen, robbed a private bank at high noon and cleaned out the pay office of a mining company before the sheriff got after him in earnest.

Not that the sheriff was reluctant to take up the chase of this king of highwaymen, who rode the swiftest horse in the west and was put down as a dead shot, but because there were other bad men in Green county whose cases had to be attended to first. Various deputies had been sent out to hustle "Smiling Charlie" a bit, and the railroad and stagecoach and mining com-

"LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!" CRIED HALF A DOZEN VOICES IN CHORUS.

panies had had their own men after him, but somehow, without seeming to dodge a meeting, the man had escaped.

He continued to smile and to ride and rob, and as for his nerve—it was a thing to excite admiration. Single handed and alone he held up the three men at Tulare station one afternoon, sidetracked the eastbound express, took $20,000 from the express car and rode away with a bow and a smile and without having a shot fired at him. That was nerve to excite general admiration, but it resulted in the sheriff taking the trail with a dozen picked men at his heels. This sheriff of Green county was no slouch of a man. He was game to the backbone, and he was tireless and determined.

The very first trace of him led the pursuers to a mountain hamlet where he had passed under another name and fallen in love with a young woman. The girl may have been shocked when she learned his true character, but she was loyal to him. Moreover, she got word to him in time to upset the sheriff's plans, and a week's time was wasted. The posse beat to the west for seventy-five miles, and then after hard riding for another week they came upon a stage which had just been held up. The passengers numbered five men, and they had shelled out without a shot. It had been a very quiet, courteous affair.

There was only one road to take, and the posse were off after a brief halt. The black horse ahead of them was fresh and swift, but the trail was rocky, and he cast a shoe. After speeding for a mile he fell dead lame, and at the end of a second mile his rider abandoned him and took cover behind a big rock.

That was a neat little fight at Cedar Tree creek. It was twelve to one, but the one stood the twelve off for over an hour, killed one and wounded three. He had a Winchester and two revolvers, and whenever the sheriff tried a rush the bullets came like a swarm of bees. By and by men were sent down the ravine to flank the highwayman out, and they not only got on his flank, but in his rear. This made his shelter too hot to hold him, and he was so situated that there was but one thing for him to do. There was a mass of rock on his right, and to prevent being surrounded he must clamber up its rugged face and find a new shelter.

"He'll take to the rocks," said the sheriff after surveying the outlaw's position, "and we must be on the watch for him. If he gets up there, he can stand us off for a week."

There was a lull in the firing, and presently a member of the posse caught sight of the figure of "Smiling Charlie" as the fellow cautiously drew himself up from rock to rock. A bullet struck his left arm, and he dropped his Winchester. He was not seen again for ten minutes. Then he stood out fair to view on a shelf thirty feet above the ground. His rifle was gone, and he had used the last cartridge for his revolvers.

"Close in on him, but don't shoot!" were the orders of the sheriff, and presently his men stood in line at the foot of the cliff.

An unwounded man might have made his way to the top of the cliff, but a man with one arm hanging helpless had no show. The robber stood with his back to the cliff and looked down upon the men of the posse. He had thrown away his revolvers, but he had a knife in his right hand.

"You have no show!" shouted the sheriff, "and you might as well surrender! Stay where you are till I come up to help you down."

The man shook his head and smiled. What he meant to do no one could say, but it was evident that he did not contemplate tame surrender. Was he waiting to use his knife on the first man who should reach the shelf on which he stood? Each man was wondering over the situation when there issued from a cave in the rocks an enormous mountain lion. The shelf on which the outlaw stood formed a portion of the path by which the beast traveled to and fro.

"Look out! Look out!" cried half a dozen voices in chorus as the lion issued forth and crouched down on the shelf with menacing snarls.

A distance of ten feet separated him from the man, and any man among the posse could have safely fired at him, but for the moment all seemed to be helpless. The lion crouched and, swinging his tail to and fro, snarled and growled. The outlaw braced himself, took a firm grip of his knife and actually laughed at the new peril. To reach a place of safety the lion must clear the shelf, and it suddenly rose in the air with a scream and launched itself at the man. The outlaw got in one blow with his knife, then went down, and a few seconds later both rolled off the shelf and brought up at the feet of the sheriff's men. The lion had a grip of the man's shoulder with his teeth, and his claws were cutting like so many razors, but the man was plying his knife and sending it to the hilt at every blow. Before any one could step forward it was over. The lion straightened out its legs, quivered and gasped. The outlaw tugged at the knife, which had pierced the beast's heart, smiled on the men around him and sighed out his life.

"Gentlemen, you bear me," said the sheriff as he stood with uncovered head. "I ain't given to patting road agents on the back and wanting to buy champagne for bank robbers, but I'm telling you that here lies a dead game man, and that if he'd surrendered to me I'd have given him the best I had in the jail and hoped he'd find a way out before his trial came on. Yes, a dead game man, and hang me if I don't see him buried where the blue eyed gal of Laurel Hill can see his grave from her bedroom window every morning of the year."

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In our Silk Department, we can entertain you with good Pongee Silks as low as 29c per yard. We have Taffetta Silks in all colors at 89c per yard. Our good wide black Taffetta—good quality—we are running at 85c per yard.

Ladies that are needing India Linens and Lawns, we would say we have in our Spring line and they are very good values; as low as the cheapest jobber in town. We bought in large quantities. We have them in all prices. Our 10c India Linen is a beauty.

In Ladies ready-to-wear garments we can fit you up in every way.

In our Underskirts—we have them from 50c to $2.50. We think our $1.00 Skirt is the best sold in the city. All we ask is a comparison on this garment.

The patent waist-band McGee Bros. Skirt—we think it is a treasure—when a lady once tries them she never does without them. We have the agency for this town. The prices are $1.50 to $2.25 each.

Our Embroidery counters are filled up with pretty new goods—we are running a big lot of Embroidery and Insertion at 8c. per yd. special. We have quite a lot of it at 5c. per yd. that was sold for 6, 7 and 8c. We have all grades of these goods.

Our Lace Department—Laces and Applique, all over Yokings, etc. We know they are equal to any. Just received the largest shipment of this class of goods we have ever bought. We bought them in large quantities and get them cheaper than the ordinary merchant. Our Applique Trimmings are the prettiest in the city—we have them from 5c. to 75c. per yd. Our 10c. values cannot be equaled.

Val. Laces by the dozen yds. and Insertions to match, run from 25c. to $1.25 per doz. All-over Yoking 16⅔c. to $1.25 per yd, White Black and Cream.

Ladies Dress Skirts—In this department our sales are much larger this season than ever before.

We make Suits and Skirts to order, and guarantee them to fit. We sell a good Wool Skirt, with flounce at bottom, as low as $1.39 each. A real pretty Skirt, with inverted seams, for $2.25. Beautiful Tuck Skirts, made in the latest styles, of best Broadcloth, without lining, made for beauty and style, we sell them at $4.75 each. We manufacture Skirts from any goods you like from $1.50 to $5.00 each. We sell you the goods and do the work for $1.00.

In our Shoe Department we have received the nicest line of Ladies' Shoes we have ever had—McKay made Shoes, made by one of the best factories in the country, at Elmira, N. Y., manufactured by J. Richardson & Sons. We have the agency for this line here. The price of them is $2.00, $2.25, $2.75 and $3.00 a pair. We have a few pair of Greenewald's fine Shoes left that he sold for $3.00, all small sizes. We will sell them at $1.00 a pair to close them out.

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That money deposited with us on or before Monday, March 2nd, will bear 4 per cent. from March 1.

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Rates From Wilmington

Mardi-Gras, New Orleans, La., Feb. 18th-24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. Rate, $35.00. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers with Mr. Joseph Richardson, special agent, New Orleans, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th and upon payment of fee of 50 cts. per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained.

Mardi-Gras, Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 18th to 24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers (personally) with Jos. Richardson, special agent, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th, and upon payment of fee of 50 cents per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained. Rate to Pensacola, $22.45; to Mobile, $23.95.

W. J. CRAIG,
Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

In Effect Feb. 20th, 1903.

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At *7.00 A. M., 10.00 A. M., †1.00 P. M., 3.00 P. M., 6.00 P. M. Saturday only †10.00 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH (For Wilmington.)

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 4:30 P. M., arrives Lumberton 6:56 P. M., Pembroke 7:20 P. M., Maxton 7:55 P. M., Hamlet 8:40 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Hamlet at 8:30 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:13 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10:06 A. M., Wilmington 12.30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	8:50 a m	9.00 p m
Ar Monroe	10.22 a m	10.45 p m
Ar Charlotte	11.40 a m	11.59 p m
Ar Chester	12.01 p m	11.50 p m
Ar Greenwood	2:39 p m	2.05 a m
Ar Athens	5.19 p m	4.15 a m
Ar Atlanta	7.40 p m	6.15 a m

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SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	5.00 a m	8.45 a m	9.30 p m
Ar Columbia	7.24 a m	11.55 a m	1.10 a m
Ar Savannah	9.45 a m	3.15 p m	4.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	1.30 p m	7.40 p m	9.15 a m
Ar Tampa		6.45 a m	6.00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet		10.25 p m	8.02 a m
Ar Raleigh		1.15 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina		3.18 a m	1.32 p m
Ar Portsmouth		7.10 a m	5.30 p m
Ar Norfolk			
Lv Hamlet	10.25 p m	8.45 a m	12.59 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.15 a m	11.45 a m	2.38 a m
Ar Norlina	3.18 a m	1.38 p m	
Ar Petersburg	5.52 a m	4.59 p m	
Ar Richmond	6.10 a m	4.55 p m	6.40 a m
Ar Washington	9.45 a m	8.35 p m	10.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	10.55 a m	11.25 p m	11.35 a m
Ar New York	3.15 p m	6.30 a m	4.15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and South West.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9.36 p m
Ar Wilson	1.18 p m	10.40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1.55 p m	11.25 p m
Ar Norfolk	6.55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4.50 p m	1.45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.02 p m	3.25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.23 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.05 a m	11.35 a m
Ar New York	7.15 a m	2.00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	8.55 a m	9.25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.44 p m	3.07 a m
Ar Washington	2.50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9.00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	5.30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.39 p m	6.15 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10.07 p m	12.50 p m
Ar Wilson	10.49 p m	1.46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2.55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.35 a m	7.20 p m	9.35 a m†
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	12.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12.45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	7.05 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	5.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.00 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	1.10 a m	Ar.	5.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12.20 p m	Ar.	5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1.50 p m	Lv.	3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.		South Bound Daily.
Lv Wilmington	2.33 p m	Ar.	12.06 p m
Ar Newbern	5.40 p m	Lv.	9.05 a m

†Via Wilson.

Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passenger Trains Arrive	Passenger Trains Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. Passenger Trains Arrive	Passenger Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	
5 40	4 00	Kinston	10 15	
7 40	5 50	Newbern	8 27	9 50
7 55	7 07	Morehead City	7 12	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.05 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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From Wilmington for New York.

CARIB.....Saturday, Feb. 21
GEO. W. CLYDE.....Saturday, Feb. 28

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

CARIB.....Tuesday, Feb. 17
GEO. W. CLYDE.....Tuesday, Feb. 24

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING FEB. 28.

GREAT GALE IN ENGLAND.

Disasters to Shipping—Mills and Churches Suffered.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A gale of almost unprecedented violence swept Great Britain all night long and did considerable damage. Telegraphic communication northwards of Leeds was interrupted, the continental service was interfered with and large numbers of ships were forced to seek shelter in the harbors. Many minor wrecks occurred and the life boats and rocket apparatus were busy all along the coasts.

There were several fatalities inland, caused by falling chimneys and flying debris, and many houses were unroofed.

The wind in the north of England blew with hurricane force. The Lancashire mills and churches suffered greatly. The grand stand of the Lancaster foot ball club was lifted bodily and deposited outside the grounds.

Great damage is reported from the coast resorts. A newly erected church at Holy Head was lifted from its foundation and fell in a heap of ruins.

SELF-IGNITION OF COTTON.

Experts Have Come to Conclusion That Cotton of Itself Can't Become Ignited.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—According to a report to the State Department, vessels loaded with cotton are frequently reported as having fire aboard caused by the self-ignition of the cotton. Experts have come to the conclusion that cotton, being of the same composition as wood, cannot of itself become ignited.

One of the highest courts of Prussia recently decided upon an important case of this nature by declaring that there was no such thing as self-ignition. Experts from Bremen and Hamburg were asked to submit their opinions also. The Breslau court's decision was "self-ignition of cotton is entirely out of the question, according to the universally acknowledged opinion of men of science and experience. It is a peculiarity of cotton that it may conceal combustible matter within it for weeks and longer, as was seen in this very case, for several bales of cotton that was saved from the fire and lay in a pond for some time during the following Winter suddenly burst into flames late in the following Spring without any cause, as was proved by competent witnesses."

GRAVEYARD GHOULS.

Startling Results of Investigations Made at Knoxville, Tenn.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KNOXVILLE, Ky., Feb. 27.—Coroner Hackney to-day began an inquest over the dead body of a man foundin a zinc trunk at the county cemetery, the jury after hearing several witnesses adjourning until Monday when the investigation will be resumed. Sexton Payne testified that a man brought the trunk to the cemetery but he could not state the name of the party. A drainage tube in the neck indicates that it likely came from a dissecting table. The investigation committee has up to this time opened 231 graves and 225 of these have been found to contain empty coffins.

SYNDICATE DISSOLVED.

Formed to Float the Four Per Cent. Bonds of the A. C. L.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The syndicate formed last August by Brown Brothers & Company, Hallgarten & Company, and Vermilye & Company, to float the first consolidated mortgage 4 per cent. gold bonds of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, total authorized capital issue $80,000,000, has been dissolved. Notice to that effect was received by members of the syndicate to-day. No reason for the dissolution was given, but it is understood that only one-fifth of the bonds were marketed.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, February 27th, 1903.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending February 27th, 1903:

	1903.	1902.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week ...	140,307	159,404
Total receipts to this date	6,570,640	6,460,148
Exports for week..	163,319	144,128
Total exports to date	4,991,198	5,113,361
Stock in all U. S. ports.	850,284	765,413
Stock at all interior towns.....	318,969	510,869
Stock in Liverpool,	672,000	1,107,000
American afloat for Great Britain ...	172,000	171,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1902: Galveston, 1,859,434 bales; New Orleans, 1,859,245; Mobile, 189,139; Savannah, 1,151,161; Charleston, 205,102; Wilmington, 311,658; Norfolk, 429,826; Baltimore, 28,665; New York, 45,497; Boston, 63,567; Newport News, 13,637; Philadelphia, 19,046; Brunswick, 84,610; Fernandina, 3,134; Pensacola, 116,319; Port Arthur, 53,926; Port Townsend, 62,919; San Francisco, 30,631; Portland, Ore., 1,541; El Paso, 1,238; Eagle Pass, 10,216; Laredo, 12,129. Total, 6,570,640 bales.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, of Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally as good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruption and Piles. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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STORMY SESSION IN THE HOUSE.

Democrats Carried Out Threat to Do All in Their Power to Block Legislation.

REPUBLICANS WERE DEFIANT.

More Drastic Rules—Every Indication the Fight Will Be Continued Until the End of the Session—Action on Appropriation Bills.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Democrats of the House to-day carried out their threat, made yesterday, that if Mr. Butler was unseated they would do everything in their power to block legislation from now until Congress expires, March 4th. The result was another stormy session, prolonged from 11 o'clock this morning until almost 7 o'clock this evening. Roll call succeeded roll call and at every pause party passion manifested itself in bitter and acrimonious denunciation.

Two special rules were brought in to expedite appropriation bills and to continue the legislative day of yesterday, in order to reduce as much as possible the minority's power to obstruct legislation. During the debate on the rules the Democrats voiced their condemnation of what they denominated yesterday's outrageous action of the chair. The Republicans declared that they were willing to assume responsibility for what they had done, and explained the necessity of the drastic rules presented to-day, Mr. Dalzell saying that unless this course was pursued the Democrats could consume 137 hours, or thirty-seven legislative days, on roll calls on the Senate amendments to the appropriation bills.

It was agreed on both sides that the present situation sounded the death knell of practically everything except the appropriation bills. The friends of the Omnibus Public Building bill who yesterday were threatening to defeat the rules if they were not modified to include their measure, were placated by a promise which it was understood was given, that their bill would be covered by a special rule, to be brought in later. All overtures from the Republican side to the Democrats to induce the latter to abandon ther filibuster have been fruitless and there is every indication that they will continue their present tactics to the end of the session.

During the early part of the session Mr. Fleming, Democrat, Georgia, rising to a question of the highest privilege, sent to the clerk's desk and had read the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, it appears from the Congressional Record of February 26th, 1903, that by actual count and announcement by the Speaker pro tempore a quorum was not present when the resolutions were voted upon declaring that James J. Butler was not elected and that George C. R. Wagoner was duly elected a representative in the Fifty-seventh Congress from the Twelfth Missouri district and that the point of no quorum was duly raised upon the vote of each of said resolutions, and that the same in each instance was overruled by the Speaker pro tempore, in violation of the constitution, the rules of the House and the practice of all parliamentary bodies.

"*Resolved*, That the announcement by the Speaker pro tem. that said resolutions were adopted was in fact untrue and that the said James J. Butler is still entitled to his seat in this House, and that the said George C. R. Wagoner is not now entitled to the same."

Mr. Payne, the majority leader, was recognized despite the protests of Mr. Fleming that he could not be taken off the floor, and he moved to lay the resolution on the table. The Democrats forced a roll-call on the motion, which prevailed—161 to 107.

The new rules were adopted by a vote of 153 to 104. The speakers were Messrs. Dalzell, Grosvenor and Cannon for, and Richardson of Tennessee, Underwood and DeArmond against. The entire Democratic side broke into tumultuous applause when Mr. DeArmond arose. In bitterly sarcastic terms he arraigned the other side, ridiculing the "pathos" in the voice of Mr. Grosvenor and excoriating Mr. Dalzell for his action while in the chair last night, declaring that the majority now had one who could always be relied upon to do that which no one else would do.

Mr. Richardson closed for his side in a brief but energetic speech; then Mr. Cannon closed for the majority. The appearance of Mr. Cannon was greeted, as that of Mr. DeArmond had been, with tremendous applause from his side of the House. The Democrats, he said, in a fit of pique because Butler had been unseated "refused to play," and in revengeful retaliation proposed that Congress should end in nothing. But his side of the House, he said, proposed to "move on" [Republican applause] and do their duty."

Under the operation of the rule the Agricultural, Sundry Civil, Postoffice and Military Academy appropriation bills were sent to conference and the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was adopted. The Democrats forced thirteen roll calls in the transaction of this business.

The House took a recess until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Senate Proceedings.

The Senate to-day made further progress in the disposition of supply bills, the Naval and the Military Academy appropriation bills being passed.

Mr. Blackman secured a vote upon his motion to take up the Littlefield anti-trust bill, and on a roll call the motion was lost—28 to 38. Mr. Quay asked to be excused from voting on the Littlefield bill, because he owned stock in corporations which he said he supposed would be treated as trusts.

The Senate went into executive session at 4:45. At 5:10 p. m. the doors were opened and bills were passed for the government of Guam and Tutuila.

Mr. Fairbanks called up the Immigration bill and said that he was instructed by the committee to move to strike out section three, providing for an educational test. The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Clay, of Georgia, the provision for the deportation of immigrants who become insane within two years was stricken out. The bill went over and the Senate adjourned.

Edwin Foster, the 17-year old schoolboy who was shot last Tuesday afternoon by Reuben E. Pitts, a teacher in the academy Foster attended, at Spartanburg, S. C., died yesterday.

Quality is what makes price. If Burnett's Vanilla Extract was no better than other extracts its price would be the same. Once tried, always used.

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A MYSTERIOUS MURDER IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

Edwin L. Burdick, a Prominent Citizen, Found Dead in His Home With His Head Crushed—No Clue

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Edwin L. Burdick, president of E. L. Burdick & Company and of the Buffalo Envelope Company, was murdered early to-day at his home on Ashland avenue, in one of the finest residence sections in the city.

While the police claim to have several clues, no arrest has been made. Mr. Burdick was last seen alive last night at 10:20, when he bade the members of the household good night and started for his room, apparently with the intention of retiring for the night This morning his body, clad in an undershirt, was found lying on a couch in a small room off the lower hall used by Mr. Burdick as a smoking room. The body was covered with a rug and a number of sofa pillows. The couch was saturated with blood and the walls and floor of the little den were bespattered with brains and blood. The head had been crushed with some blunt instrument.

Chief of Detectives Cusack took charge of the case. A thorough examination of the house and its occupants was made. Nothing of value was missing. The outside door was locked and the spring-lock was in its place when the servants got up this morning. The inner door was ajar. A kitchen window was partly raised but there was no mark on the snow outside or upon the window sill to indicate that any one had entered there. All the other windows and doors of the house were securely fastened. That shattered the theory of an unknown intruder.

Some interesting discoveries were made in other parts of the house. To begin with, no weapon could be found anywhere. The body was clad only in an undershirt. At the foot of the couch were found the drawers and stockings. The trousers and other articles of clothing which Mr. Burdick had worn were in his bed-room on the floor above. The bed had not been occupied. On the table in the smoking room the detectives found a bottle partly filled with whiskey and the remains of a light lunch. Members of the family declare that Mr. Burdick never partook of the food of which the lunch was composed and never drank liquor while eating. In this connection Chief Cusack this afternoon gave out the following statement:

"From what investigation I have made I would conclued that Mr. Burdick was called down stairs by a ring or a knock at the door after he was ready for bed, for he was clad only in his undershirt. He evidently admitted some one he knew well and took the visitor into the room for a talk and to partake of the luncheon found there.

"There are some signs of a struggle. The fact that two of the fingers of Mr. Burdick's left hand were broken indicates that he put up his hand to ward off a blow which he saw coming.

"The body was covered with a rug and several pillows so that nothing could be seen but the blood which flowed from under the pile.

"The force with which the blows that killed Mr. Burdick were delivered seems to exclude the possibility that a woman delivered them."

Mrs. Burdick, the murdered man's wife, left home two months ago with the intention it is said of not returning. Dec. 5th proceedings for divorce were filed in the county clerk's office by Mr. Burdick. It is understood that Mrs. Burdick went to Atlantic City. What connection Burdick's domestic trouble may have had with the crime the police do not presume to say.

SOUTHERN ICE EXCHANGE

Officers Elected and Executive Committee Appointed by the Convention.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 27.—The Southern Ice Exchange, in convention here, to-day elected the following officers for the ensuing term of office:

President, W. H. Howe, Nashville, Tenn.; Vice President, C. D. Mayfield, Richmond, Va.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. E. Worth, Wilmington, N. C.

The following executive committee was appointed: L. C. Grigge, Chattanooga, Tenn.; E. Woodruff, Atlanta, Ga.; F. H. Reike, Paducah, Ky.; M. P. Thompson, Greensboro, N. C.; J. H. Howe, Nashville, Tenn.; J. R. Kellar, Pensacola, Fla.; J. F. Rushton, Birmingham, Ala.; C. E. Livingston, Greenville, Miss.; George B. Townsend, Anderson, S. C.; T. H. Moore, Montgomery, Ala.

CHINESE REBELLION.

Imperial Troops Ambushed and Killed. Large Supplies Captured by Rebels

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, Feb. 27.—Advices received here to-day show that five hundred imperial troops were caught February 16th in ambush in the Yang Ling Pass by the rebels of the province of Kwang Si, South China. All the soldiers were killed and the rebels captured large supplies of arms, which the troops were taking to the besieged garrison of Chi-Yuen.

The official reports admit that the rebellion in Kwang Si is increasing and has spread over the border into the province of Hunan. The viceroy of Hunan has sent troops to the boundary to check the rebels' advance.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Mississippi river at Memphis, is above the danger line and a serious overflow is threatened.

The press mill of the Laflin and Rand Powder Company's plant at Turck, near Cherokee, Kas., exploded yesterday, killing three men and injuring fifteen others, three of them fatally.

A Haytien dispatch says: A telegram from Grosmome announces the complete destruction of Port de Paix, Hayti, by fire last night. Only vessels belonging to the Haytien Company were saved.

General J. B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who was taken violently ill en route to Jackson, Miss., was reported to be very much better yesterday. It is not thought that his condition is at all serious.

Close Saloons at 8 P. M.

News and Observer: "The General Assembly may pass the bill compelling all bar-rooms to close at 8. P. M. It was introduced in the House the other day by Dr. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, and yesterday afternoon the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances voted to report it favorably. So look out for a warm fight in the Senate, too. The vote in the committee was 10 to 2 in favor of the bill."

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT

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CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Gov. Taft Urges the Necessity for Passage of the House Tariff Measure.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE.

President Roosevelt Calls Attention to the Deplorable Situation in the Islands and Asks That the Matter Receive Immediate Attention.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The President late this afternoon sent the following message to the Senate:

"I have just received a cable from Governor Taft which runs as follows:

"'Necessity for passage of House tariff bill most urgent. The conditions of productive industry and business are considerably worse than in November, the date of last report, and are growing worse each month. Some revival in sugar and tobacco prices is due to expectation of the tariff law. The interests of Filipinos in sugar and tobacco are extensive, and failure of the bill will be a blow in the face of these interests. A number of tobacco factories will have to close and many sugar haciendas will be put up for sale at a sacrifice, if the bill will not pass. Customs receipts have fallen off this month one-third, showing decrease of purchasing power of the islands. General business is stagnant. All political parties, including labor unions, are most strenuous in petition for the tariff bill. Effect of its failure very discouraging.'

"Vice Governor Luke Wright endorses in the strongest manner all that Governor Taft has said, and states that he has the greatest apprehension as to the damage that may come to the islands if there is not a substantial reduction in tariff levied against Philippine goods coming into the United States. I very earnestly ask that this matter receive the immediate attention of Congress and that the relief prayed for be granted.

"As Congress knows, a series of calamities have befallen the Philippine people. Just as they were emerging from nearly six years of devastating warfare with the accompanying destruction of property and breaking up of the bonds of social order and the habits of peaceful industry, there occurred an epidemic of rinderpest which destroyed ninety per cent. of the carabaos, the Filipino cattle, leaving the people without draft animals to till the lands or to aid in the ordinary work of farm and village life. The extent of the disaster can be seen from the fact that the surviving carabaos have increased over ten fold in value. At the same time a peculiar oriental horse disease became epidemic, further crippling transportation. The rice crop already reduced by various causes and but a fourth of its ordinary size has been damaged by locusts, so that the price of rice has nearly doubled.

"Under these circumstances there is imminent danger of famine in the islands. Congress is in course of generously appropriating three million dollars to meet the immediate needs; but the indispensable and pre-eminent need is the resurrection of productive industry from the prostration into which it has been thrown by the causes above enumerated. I ask action in the tariff matter not merely from the standpoint of wise governmental policy, but as a measure of humanity in response to an appeal to which this great people should not close its ears.

"We have assumed responsibilities towards the Philippine islands which we are in honor bound to fulfil. We have the specific duty of taking every measure in our power to see to their prosperity.

"The calamities which have befallen them as above enumerated could not averted by human wisdom. They cannot be completely repaired, but the suffering can be greatly alleviated and a permanent basis of future prosperity assured if the economic relations of the islands with the United States are put upon a satisfactory basis.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

FIRE AT LOWELL, MASS.

One Life Was Lost and Six Persons Were Severely Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LOWELL, MASS., February 27.—One life was lost and six persons suffered severely from burns and smoke at a fire which partially destroyed the Burbank block to-day. The victim was Mrs. Sarah F. Kittridge, a newspaper correspondent, about 60 years old, who, although aroused with the other seventy-five lodgers in the building, stopped to get her bicycle, and in doing so was overcome by smoke and perished. The loss on the Burbank block was comparatively small, about $30,000, but additional loss, which may be very heavy, has been done by water to cotton goods, the product of the Massachusetts mills, in a storehouse at the rear.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—At the seventh annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, to-night, the following were chosen officers: President, General M. J. Wright; Vice Presidents: General M. C. Butler, Colonel George A. Porterfield, Thomas Nelson Page, President Woodrow Wilson, Hon. S. Pasco and Thomas H. Clark; Secretary and Treasurer, Colyer Merriwether. Suitable steps were taken to honor the memory of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, who had been president for five years, succeeding W. L. Wilson, the first president of the association.

COLIMA'S VOLCANO.

Pouring Forth Great Quantities of Lava. Earthquakes at Many Places.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

COLIMA, MEXICO, Feb. 27.—The volcano yesterday afternoon poured forth a quantity of white hot matter, but there was no outflow of lava until late at night, when great quantities poured down the sides of the volcano. Earthquakes are reported at Aculpoco, Mexico, Chilpiango and Aguas Blancas. There is no alarm in this city over the activity of the volcano.

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ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO.

Rumor of a Hitch in Negotiations for Sale of the Property.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The lack of official confirmation of any one of the various reports concerning the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad caused apprehension to-day that there had been a hitch in the negotiations for the sale of the property. Officials of the St. Louis and San Francisco declined to discuss the company's affairs and all inquiries concerning the reported sale were referred to the Rock Island Company, but no information was obtainable from that quarter. At the office of J. P. Morgan & Company, it was said that no official statement on the subject had been prepared.

Weather in March.

The following data, covering a period of 32 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Wilmington: Mean or normal temperature for the month of March, 54. The warmest March was that of 1878, with average of 60 deg. Coldest month, that of 1873, with average of 48. Highest temperature was 87 degrees on the 22nd, 1894; lowest, 20 degrees on the 5th, 1873. Average date of first "killing" frost in Autumn, November 8th; average date of last "killing" frost in Spring, March 30th.

Tobacco in Brunswick.

Southport *Standard*: "It is highly pleasing to us to note that in certain sections of our county farmers are planting tobacco this year. Tobacco has proven to be about the best paying crop that can be raised in this section of the State, and we see no reason why the farmers of this county, with the prospect of a good market at Wilmington, cannot realize well from the cultivation of tobacco. A crop that will bring ready cash is what our farmers need in Brunswick."

The Utley Habeas Corpus Case.

Fayetteville *Observer*: "E. L. Utley will be taken to Raleigh on Monday, on the writ of habeas corpus issued Wednesday by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Platt D. Walker, and will have a hearing before that Judge that evening. A Raleigh correspondent says that insanity is the ground on which the writ is issued, though we understand that it was for the purpose of obtaining bail."

Joseph Keenan, colored, was hanged at Greenville, S. C., yesterday for the murder of Samuel Willimon, a white, man, over a year ago. This execution was the second legal hanging which has occurred in the State since 1884.

Church Notices.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor. 11 A. M. "In Remembrance of Me." 7:30 P. M., "Woman."

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited to all services. Seats free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8:00 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seaman's Bethel to-morrow, (Sabbath) afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. W. Potter. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick Sts. Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Bladen streets. Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor. Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, J. B. Taylor, superintendent, 3:30 P. M; Mid-week praise service Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday School, W. B. Cooper, supt., 3.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city especially invited. Seats free.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. Morning prayer and address, 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:45 P. M. Sunday School, 3.30 P. M.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets. Service Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Young Men's meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

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Advertisements in this Department bring good results. feb 14 tf

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON, N. C. Notice is hereby given to the public that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of John Henry Martin, convicted at May, 1903, term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county for the crime of larceny and sentenced to the State Penitentiary for a term of ten years. WILLIAM J. BELLAMY Attorney for his mother, Sarah Martin Faircloth. February 24th, 1903. feb 24 2w

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(Began business March 1, 1898.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 933,118 19	Capital	$ 500,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	257. 00 00	Surplus and Net Profits	97,151 77
Bank Building	30,000 00	Circulation	1 4 900 00
Cash on hand and in banks	626 587 70	Deposits	1,306,501 05
	$1,843,102 89		$1,843,702 89

Comparative statement of deposits,

February 6th, 1903, $372,527 14.
February 6th, 1901, $409,290 63.
February 6th, 1902, $583,223 71.

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